



Great Yarmouth Twinning Association

Twinned with Rambouillet since 1956



CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Great Yarmouth Twinning Association.

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Association shall be to work with the Borough Council to fulfil the aims of the Twinning Charter signed on the 28th October 1956 by the Mayors of Great Yarmouth and Rambouillet; which were the "furthering and developing linguistic, cultural, touristic, economic and social exchanges between the inhabitants of their two towns" in the hope that such exchanges "will lead to a true understanding of each others problems, to a practical knowledge of the spoken languages of each other and to a mutual tolerance and respect ...".

3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall be open to any individuals residing (or having resided) or working (or having worked) within the Borough of Great Yarmouth and to any organisation within the Borough, subject to any subscription which may from time to time be agreed.

From time to time, the award of 'Honorary Life Member' may be offered by the committee to those who have given exceptional service to the Twinning Association. Honorary Life Members have full voting rights, and are not required to pay subscriptions.

4. PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The President of the Association shall be the person who currently occupies the office of Mayor of the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The functions of the Association in the pursuance of its objects shall be vested in an Executive Committee as follows:

- I. the Chairman of the Association
- II. the Vice-Chairman of the Association
- III. three members of Great Yarmouth Borough Council to be appointed by said Council
- IV. the Treasurer of the Association
- V. the Secretary of the Association
- VI. the Accommodation Secretary
- VII. the Schools' Secretary
- VIII. three members to be elected by, and drawn from, the general membership of the Association.

The role of 'Events Organiser' can be undertaken by any member of the above committee, on an event by event basis. An external auditor of the accounts will be appointed each year, by majority vote at the AGM - the Auditor is not a member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt from time to time such persons as they deem necessary in a non-voting capacity. In co-opting members the Executive Committee shall have regard to the desirability of involving a wide range of bodies and organisations with Twinning links in the work of the Association. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such Sub-Committee(s), comprising members of the Executive Committee and/or ordinary members of the Association, to undertake on its behalf such aspects of the Committee's functions as it may from time to time consider desirable. The Executive Committee (Chairman) shall present a report to the Annual General Meeting.



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6. MEETINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND PERIODS OF OFFICE

An Annual General Meeting and at least one other General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year. The meetings will follow the pattern of the academic year, meaning that the Annual General Meeting shall be held during the Autumn Term, as early as possible. The General Meeting shall then be held in the Spring Term.

To comply with the conditions set out below for the amendment of this constitution, the following notice periods should be used:

Notice for General and Annual General Meetings:	not less than 6 weeks ahead
Proposals from the membership to amend the constitution to be submitted:	not less than 4 weeks ahead
Publication of agenda for a General or Annual General Meeting:	not less than 2 weeks ahead

Voting at a General Meeting shall be on the basis of individual members and organisational representatives having attained the age of 18 years as at the date of the meeting, each exercising one vote, and all decisions being taken by a simple majority of members present.

All members of the Executive Committee, as described above, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, and then retire at the following Annual General Meeting - but shall be eligible for re-election.

All nominations for the committee should be put before the Annual General Meeting.

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be eight individual members or organisational representatives, and for the General Meeting, six individual members. The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be three voting members of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet as and when it considers desirable.

7. FINANCIAL YEAR AND ACCOUNTS

The financial year of the Association shall commence on the 1st of July and the Treasurer shall submit to the Annual General Meeting the audited accounts for the preceding year.

8. CONSTITUTION - AMENDMENT

Amendments to this Constitution shall be approved only at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or the General meeting as appropriate. Motions recommending any such alteration may be submitted either by the Executive Committee or by an individual member of the Association.

Consideration shall only be given to such a motion when it is either passed by resolution of the Executive Committee, or when received in writing by the Secretary from an individual member at least twenty eight days prior to the date of the General Meeting at which the motion is to be discussed. In both cases, the Secretary (or another membership of the Executive Committee) shall then publish the details of the motion and meeting to the membership, not less than fourteen days prior to the date of that General Meeting, by such means as may be at their disposal - usually by the publication of an agenda.

Text edited to implement changes agreed by majority vote at the AGM held on 20/09/2018

Signed by Chairman Dated: 10/09/19